

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11
)
EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC,) Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
)
Debtor.)

TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 424 AND 425 FILED BY ROBERT NICHOLS

James A. Knauer, the chapter 11 trustee appointed in this case ("Trustee"), pursuant to Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rules"), hereby objects (this "Objection") to claims 424 and 425 (the "Claims")¹ filed by Robert Nichols ("Mr. Nichols"). The Trustee filed an adversary complaint against Mr. Nichols and others on December 27, 2012, initiating Adv. Proc. No. 12-59161 (the "Adversary"). The Trustee seeks to disallow the Claims in the Adversary. As a result, the Trustee requests that the Court stay further proceedings on this Objection until further notice from the Trustee. In support of this Objection, the Trustee respectfully states:

Jurisdiction

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Objection under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B). Venue of this proceeding and this Objection is properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
2. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. §§ 502, 506 and 507 and Rules 3001 and 3007 of the Bankruptcy Rules.

¹ All references herein to the claim number are to the number assigned to the Claim by BMC (see paragraph 5 below) and not to the number, if any, assigned to the Claim by the Court's online claims register. For further explanation, see paragraph 5 below.

Background

3. On December 6, 2010 (the "Petition Date"), an involuntary chapter 11 bankruptcy petition was filed to commence a chapter 11 case (the "Chapter 11 Case") against Eastern Livestock Co., LLC ("Debtor") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana, New Albany Division (the "Court").

4. On December 27, 2010, the Court entered an order approving the appointment of the Trustee and on December 28, 2010, entered an order for relief.

5. On March 17, 2011, the Court entered an order approving The BMC Group, Inc. ("BMC") as the Trustee's claims and noticing agent in the Chapter 11 Case. Pursuant to that order, BMC was authorized and directed to, among other things, maintain the official claims register ("Claims Register") for all filed proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Case. A copy of that Claims Register and all filed proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Case can be viewed at <http://www.bmcgroup.com/restructuring/Claims.aspx?ClientID=271>.

6. The Court entered an order confirming the *Trustee's First Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation* [Dock. No. 1490] (the "Plan") on December 17, 2012, and the Plan became effective on December 20, 2012. *See* Dock. No. 1675.

7. Pursuant to the Plan, the deadline for claim objections is April 19, 2013.

Request for Relief

8. By this Objection, the Trustee seeks entry of an order disallowing the Claims. However, the Trustee requests that the Court stay further proceedings on this Objection pending notice from the Trustee.

9. The Claims assert unsecured claims in the amount of \$597,614.11 and \$25,205.55, respectively.

10. The Trustee does not believe that Mr. Nichols has any valid claim against Debtor's estate. Further, the Claims should be disallowed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502(d).

11. The Trustee seeks to disallow the Claims in the Adversary and therefore requests that the Court stay further proceedings on this Objection pending the outcome of the Adversary.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee objects to the Claims but respectfully requests that the Court stay further proceedings on this Objection until further notice from the Trustee. The Trustee asks for all other just and appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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